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§ 350.55 What are the additional considerations for selecting Field-Initiated Project applications for funding?

(a) The Secretary reserves funds to support some or all of the Field-Initiated Project applications that have been awarded points totaling 80% or more of the maximum possible points under the procedures described in § 350.53.

(b) In making a final selection of applications to support as Field-Initiated Projects, the Secretary considers the extent to which applications that have been awarded a rating of 80% or more of the maximum possible points and meet one or more of the following conditions:

(1) The proposed project represents a unique opportunity to advance rehabilitation knowledge to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities.

(2) The proposed project complements research already planned or funded by the NIDRR through annual priorities published in the FEDERAL REGISTER or addresses the research in a new and promising way.

(Authority: Secs. 202 (g) and (i)(1); 29 U.S.C. 761a(g) and 761a(i)(1))

Subpart G—What Conditions Must Be Met After an Award?

§ 350.60 How must a grantee conduct activities?

A grantee must—

(a) Conduct all activities in a manner that is accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities; and

(b) If a grantee carries out more than one activity, carry out integrated activities.

(Authority: Secs. 202 and 204(b)(2); 29 U.S.C. 761a and 762(b))

§ 350.61 What evaluation requirements must a grantee meet?

(a) A grantee must establish performance measures for use in its evaluation that—

(1) Are clearly related to the—

(i) Intended outcomes of the project; and

(ii) Expected impacts on the target population; and

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(2) To the extent possible are quantifiable, or are objective and qualitative.

(b) A grantee must make periodic assessments of progress that will provide the grantee with performance feedback related to—

(1) Progress in implementing the plan of operation; and

(2) Progress in achieving the intended outcomes and expected impacts as assessed by the established performance measures.

(Authority: Secs. 202 and 204; 29 U.S.C. 761a and 762)

§ 350.62 What are the matching requirements?

(a)(1) The Secretary may make grants to pay for part of the costs of research and demonstration projects that bear directly on the development of procedures, methods, and devices to assist the provision of vocational and other rehabilitation services, and research training and career development projects.

(2) Each grantee must participate in the costs of those projects.

(3) The specific amount of cost sharing to be borne by each grantee—

(i) Is negotiated at the time of the award; and

(ii) Is not considered in the selection process.

(b)(1) The Secretary may make grants to pay for part or all of the costs of—

(i) Establishment and support of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers and Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers; and

(ii) Specialized research or demonstration activities described in section 204(b)(2)–(16) of the Act.

(2) The Secretary determines at the time of the award whether the grantee must pay a portion of the project or center costs.

(Authority: Sec. 204; 29 U.S.C. 762)

§ 350.63 What are the requirements of a grantee relative to the Client Assistance Program?

All Projects and Centers that provide services to individuals with disabilities with funds awarded under this Program must—

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(a) Advise those individuals who are applicants for or recipients of services under the Act, or their parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, of the availability and purposes of the Client Assistance Program (CAP) funded under the Act; and

(b) Provide information on the means of seeking assistance under the CAP.

(Authority: Sec. 20; 29 U.S.C. 718a)

§ 350.64 What is the required duration of the training in an Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Project?

A grantee for an Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Project shall provide training to individuals that is at least one academic year, unless a longer training period is necessary to ensure that each trainee is qualified to conduct independent research upon completion of the course of training.

(Authority: Secs. 202–204; 29 U.S.C. 760–762)

§ 350.65 What level of participation is required of trainees in an Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Project?

Individuals who are receiving training under an Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Project shall devote at least eighty percent of their time to the activities of the training program during the training period.

(Authority: Secs. 202–204; 29 U.S.C. 760–762)

§ 350.66 What must a grantee include in a patent application?

Any patent application filed by a grantee for an invention made under a grant must include the following statement in the first paragraph:

The invention described in this application was made under a grant from the Department of Education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e–3)

PART 356—DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION RESEARCH: RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

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Subpart A—General

§ 356.1 What is the Research Fellowships Program?

The purpose of this program is to build research capacity by providing support to highly qualified individuals, including those who are individuals